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¶1. (C) Using a March 16 meeting with Minister of State for External Affairs Anand Sharma to follow up on an earlier letter, Charge shared reftel USG concerns on the upcoming election for a non-permanent UN Security Council seat between Venezuela and Guatemala, pointing out Venezuela's disruptive behavior at the recent Community of Democracies and Summit of the Americas, Guatemala's positive role in recent UN peacekeeping operations, and the issues of interest to the US and India that the UNSC will take up in the upcoming years. The USG hopes that India will consider Guatemala's candidacy seriously, he concluded. Sharma noted that the election was still some time in the future, but promised to consider the points we raised.

¶2. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website:  
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